



Symposium on Disability Rights

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 21-22, 2019**

Hilton Birmingham at UAB
Birmingham, Alabama

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THEME: DISABILITY RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

The quest for improving the rights of people with disabilities locally, nationally, and internationally is urgent and significant. Addressing the needs of the disability community through the removal of social, economic, and environmental barriers that limit accessibility to basic services and prevent persons with disabilities from participating fully in their communities, getting a quality education, achieving employment, and having their voices heard is at the center of a human rights approach to disability.

At this year's conference, we explore the development and implementation of the rights of people with disabilities in a human rights context. The purpose of this symposium is to serve as a platform for discussion, scholarly exploration, and interaction between various groups interested or involved in promoting the human rights of people with disabilities and the disability rights movement from the local to international level.

This program is co-organized by the UAB Institute for Human Rights, Lakeshore Foundation, and the UAB Center for Disability Health and Rehabilitation Science, with special support of the UAB College of Arts and Sciences and the UAB School of Health Professions.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:30 am REGISTRATION OPENS

8:30 am WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Ray L. Watts, President
UAB

On Behalf of the Organization Committee:
Tina Kempin Reuter, Director
UAB Institute for Human Rights

9:00 am KEYNOTE 1

VICTOR PINEDA, Founder
Pineda Foundation / World Enabled
**Radical Inclusion: What Will It Take to
Build Cities That Leave No One Behind?**

10:00 am COFFEE BREAK

10:30 am PANEL PRESENTATIONS 1

SESSION 1: DISABILITY RIGHTS AND EDUCATION

Room: Hamilton 1
Moderator: Sarah dos Anjos (UAB Center for Disability Health
and Rehabilitation Science)

Start with Understanding Disability Education
Candace Cable (Community Scholar)

Take a Professor to Prison: Faculty Perspectives
Christine Fleming (Auburn University), Nick Derzis (Auburn
University), & Peggy Shippen (Auburn University)

Disability Rights and Representation in Children's Books
Darolyn "Lyn" Jones (Ball State University)

Towards a Title IX-Mirroring Policy for Disability
Kathleen McCarty (Oregon State University), Megan
MacDonald (Oregon State University), & Rican Vue (Oregon
State University)

SESSION 2: DISABILITY RIGHTS, EMPLOYMENT, AND HOUSING IN CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

Room: Skipwith
Moderator: Bob Lujano (NCHPAD/Lakeshore Foundation)

The Right to Work: WID E3
Anita Aaron (World Institute on Disability)

Youth Leadership Training in Disability Rights
Susan Ellis (People First of Alabama) & Karen Willis (People
First of Alabama)

Disability and Housing Instability
Jennifer Horton (AIDS Alabama)

Removing Barriers to Transition and Employment
Brian F. Geiger (The Horizons School) & Josh L. Rocha (UAB)

Disability Employment and Its Socioeconomic Impact
Abi Marutama (Ministry of Law and Human Rights - Republic of
Indonesia)

12:00 pm LUNCH AND KEYNOTE 2

Introduction - **Robert E. Palazzo**, Dean
UAB College of Arts and Sciences

JUDY HEUMANN, Advisor
Ford Foundation
**Why Engaging with the Disability Rights Movement
Benefits Us All**

1:30 pm PANEL PRESENTATIONS 2

SESSION 3: DISABILITY RIGHTS AND INTERSECTIONALITY

Room: Hamilton 1
Moderator: Shane D. Burns (UAB Institute for Human Rights)

Right to Health: A Gender & Disability Perspective
Alessandra Aresu (Humanity & Inclusion)

Understanding African American Mental Health
Jilisa Milton (Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program) & Nadia
Richardson (No More Martyrs)

Segregation, Mental Health, and Human Rights
Michelle Shelley (York University)

A Human Rights-Based Approach to Resettled Syrian Refugees with Disabilities Living in the United States
Nicholas R. Sherwood (UAB Institute for Human Rights) & Aseel D. Hajazin (UAB Institute for Human Rights)

SESSION 4: DISABILITY AND DISABILITY RIGHTS HISTORIES

Room: Skipwith
Moderator: Jereme Wilroy (UAB/Lakeshore Research Collaborative)

National Museum of Disability Rights: It's Time
James W. Conroy (Pennhurst Memorial & Preservation Alliance) & Judith Gran (Pennhurst Memorial & Preservation Alliance)

Do Human Rights Matter: Making a Case for the CRPD
Arlene Kanter (Syracuse University)

Crippled Children, Disabled Activists, 1909-1930
Leanna Duncan (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Political Polarization in Disability Activism
Jennifer K. Frederick (University of Michigan) & Abigail J. Stewart (University of Michigan)

3:00 am **COFFEE BREAK**

3:30 pm **POSTER SESSION**

Room: Hamilton 2

Association Between BMI and E-Cigarette Use
Mohammed Alqahtani (UAB)

Improving Transitions for Disabled Students
Murti Bhakta (Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.) & Julie McGowan (Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.)

Expanding Parent Roles in Youth Transition Service
K. Megan Carpenter (United Ability)

Improving Accessibility Through Higher Education
Amber M. Chelette (Ouachita Baptist University)

India, Disability Rights & Physical Education
SriPadmini Chennapragada (Texas Woman's University)

Developing an Empathetic Understanding of Autism
Elliot Cox (UAB)

The Development of Virtual Reality Environments to Improve Movement Performance in Individuals with Chronic Low Back Pain
Rebecca White Hennessy (UAB)

Yelling on Twitter: Advocacy via Social Media
Martina Svyantek (Virginia Tech)

Talking and Listening to Blocks
Amber Wagner (Birmingham-Southern College) & Zirui Wang (Birmingham-Southern College)

The Debate on Ability-Based Selective Abortion
Erica Webb (UAB) & Marlee Townsend (UAB)

Disability Community Rights in Research Practice
Rua M. Williams (University of Florida)

5:30 pm

RECEPTION AT LAKESHORE FOUNDATION

Jeff Underwood, President
Lakeshore Foundation

Amy Rauworth, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Lakeshore Foundation

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Lakeshore Foundation, 4000 Ridgeway Dr,
Birmingham, AL 35209

Please note that very limited parking will be available due to construction on the Lakeshore Foundation campus.

Complementary parking is available at the conference hotel for shuttle riders.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 am

KEYNOTE 3

Introduction - **Amy Rauworth**, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Lakeshore Foundation

JOHN KEMP, President & CEO
Viscardi Center / Henry Viscardi School
Why Disability Inclusion Must Be a Right

9:30 am

PANEL PRESENTATIONS 3

SESSION 5: DISABILITY RIGHTS, IDENTITIES, AND NARRATIVES

Room: Hamilton 1
Moderator: Karin Korb (Lakeshore Foundation)

Disability Representation: From Other to Empowered
Megan Bent (University of Hawai'i at Manoa)

Putting Pieces Together: Identity and Disability
Molly Clay (UAB Disability Support Services), Katy Cop (UAB Disability Support Services), & Taylor Lucas (UAB Disability Support Services)

Personal and Collective Disability Identity
Angie Hall (Auburn University), Sharon Weaver (Troy University), Jill Meyer (Auburn University), & Rebecca Curtis (Auburn University)

The Deaf and the Other
Seo Yeong (Shauna) Kwag (Independent Scholar)

They Don't Want Michael: Policy and Practices
Jeffrey Meadows (Pennsylvania State University)

SESSION 6: DISABILITY RIGHTS, HEALTH, AND MEDICINE

Room: Skipwith
Moderator: Ajanet Rountree (UAB Institute for Human Rights)

Minimal Important Change in the Life-Space Assessment
Marzouq Almutairi (UAB)

Disability Community Centered Research Approaches
Sandy Ho (Brandeis University) & Lauren Smith (Brandeis University)

The Borderline Struggle: Humanizing Women's Trauma
Jennie Lambert (Georgia State University)

Recalibrating Legal Responses to Hoarding Behavior
Faith Mullen (University of the District of Columbia)

11:00 am

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 am

PANEL PRESENTATIONS 4

SESSION 7: DISABILITY LAW AND POLICY: LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Room: Hamilton 1
Moderator: Nicholas Sherwood (UAB Institute for Human Rights)

Accessible Democracy: Protecting the Right to Vote
Tate Hall (Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program)

Role the ODSP Plays in User Rights
Alli Herrington (York University)

Disability in France: The Legacy of World War I
Catherine Danielou (UAB, College of Arts and Sciences)

Redefining Stature in Our Society
Mark Povinelli (Little People of America) & Michelle Kraus (Little People of America)

Aid Workers with Disabilities in Humanitarian Aid
Cara E. Yar Khan (RISE Consulting Services)

SESSION 8: DISABILITY ADVOCACY AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Room: Skipwith
Moderator: Mary Allison Cook (Lakeshore Foundation)

Disability Data: Understanding the Global Landscape
Ola Abu Alghaib (Leonard Cheshire)

Disability Rights and Technology in Bangladesh
Suraiya Aktar Bably (University of Illinois at Chicago) & Md Rahman (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Disability Rights and Self-Advocacy Workshops
Emily N. Baker (University of North Alabama), Andrea N. Hunt (University of North Alabama), & Stacy C. Lee (University of North Alabama)

Tweet, Like, Share: Social Media and Disability

Olivia Robinson (University of Alabama), Shannon Bridges (University of Alabama), Kimberley Tomeny (University of Alabama), & Robin McWilliam (University of Alabama)

1:00 pm

LUNCH AND KEYNOTE 4

Introduction - **Harold Jones**, Dean
UAB School of Health Professions

KELLER JOHNSON THOMPSON, Director of Education
Helen Keller Foundation
Helen Keller's Engagement for Education and Disability Rights

2:30 pm

DISCUSSANT ROUNDTABLE

Derrick Cogburn
Institute on Disability and Public Policy, American University

Graham Sisson
Alabama Governor's Office on Disability

Barry McNealy
Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

June Isaacson Kailes
Disability Policy Consultant

3:30 pm

CLOSING REMARKS AND END OF CONFERENCE

James Rimmer, Co-Director
UAB Center for Disability Health and Rehabilitation Science

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Judy Heumann

Judith E. "Judy" Heumann is an American disability rights activist. An internationally recognized leader in the disability community, Heumann is a lifelong civil rights advocate for people with disabilities. Her work with governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) has produced significant contributions since the 1970s to the development of human rights legislation and policies benefiting children and adults with disabilities. Through her work at the World Bank and the U.S. State Department, Heumann led the mainstreaming of disability rights into international development. Her contributions extended the international reach of the independent living movement.



John Kemp

John D. Kemp is an American disability rights leader who co-founded the American Association of People with Disabilities and is currently the President and CEO of the Viscardi Center and the Henry Viscardi School. Owing to a congenital anomaly, he was born without arms and legs and uses four prostheses to inspire people and empower people with disabilities. He is a renowned leader of the disability rights movement and has occupied top posts in the leading disability and nonprofit organizations.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Victor Pineda

Dr. Victor Pineda is an urban planner, social entrepreneur, filmmaker, and globally recognized human rights advocate. He is also an international speaker, consultant, and adjunct professor on policy, planning, and development. Dr. Pineda's work focuses on urban resilience, inclusion, and sustainability. He founded the Pineda Foundation / World Enabled, a global nonprofit that promotes the rights of people with disabilities. He was recently appointed by President Obama to serve on the U.S. Access Board. Dr. Pineda holds a PhD in Urban Planning from UCLA.



Keller Thompson

Keller Johnson Thompson was named after her great-great aunt, Helen Keller. In 1994, she joined the Helen Keller Eye Research Foundation, a foundation her grandmother helped to establish, as their Director of Education. She has developed an educational program about the life and legacy of Helen Keller that she shares with schools across the U.S.

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Lakeshore Foundation is a nonprofit organization located in Birmingham, Alabama that provides opportunity for people with a physical disability or chronic health condition to be active and independent through physical activity, research and advocacy and policy. Aquatics, fitness, recreation, and athletic programs get everyone moving. The UAB/Lakeshore Research Collaborative develops and evaluates new programs and technology in exercise, sport science, health promotion and rehabilitation engineering; in addition, the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability, which is housed at Lakeshore, works to improve the health and wellness of people with disabilities by supporting accessible and inclusive public health promotion programs. The advocacy and policy team invites people with and without disabilities to be engaged, informed and empowered to create partnerships that promote inclusion, access and equal representation in policy initiatives.

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UAB CENTER FOR DISABILITY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE (DHARS)

The vision of this center is to create a world where people with disability will be afforded all of the same opportunities for a high quality of life and purposeful living as all other individuals. The UAB Center for Disability Health and Rehabilitation Science is housed in the School of Health Professions. Its mission and goals address the health, wellness and rehabilitation needs of more than 50 million Americans with disabilities who have substantially higher rates of health disparities, secondary health conditions and health care utilization compared to the general population. DHARS uses an inclusion science framework to connect researchers in disability, health, and rehabilitation with other UAB researchers who are working in health, engineering, and medicine with populations that do not include people with disabilities. The center consists of faculty and students from a variety of UAB Schools including the School of Health Profession, the School of Public Health, the School of Medicine, the School of Education, the School of Nursing, the School of Optometry, the School of Engineering, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

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UAB INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (IHR)

The UAB Institute for Human Rights serves as a platform for interdisciplinary interaction and collaboration for scholars, educators, students, and activists to raise awareness, engage in education, foster research, and design initiatives for practical action resulting in the promotion and protection of human and civil rights locally, nationally, and globally. Since it began operations in August 2016, the Institute has engaged in human rights education, research, and outreach with a particular focus on the struggle and empowerment of underrepresented populations, including minorities, refugees, women, children, persons with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ community, and people dealing with the consequences of poverty.

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